

it a Pileated Woodpecker, though the locality was extraordinary and the bird is rare, in our near vicinity, even in our densest and oldest woods.—
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Note on the Red Crossbill and the Pine Finch in South Carolina.—

Having passed many winters in the Southern States without seeing either species, I was interested to find both the Red Crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra minor*) and the Pine Finch (*Spinus pinus*) common in South Carolina in the winter of 1908-1909. At Camden, Kershaw County, between December 12 and January 4, no bird note was to be heard so often as that of the Pine Finch except the Blue Jay's; and the bird occurred abundantly in and near the town, in parties of from three or four to about a dozen individuals. The Crossbill was not abundant, but I heard it nearly every day. Sometimes I heard it only, as it flew over head; sometimes I saw single individuals, again two or three. On January 1, at half-past seven in the morning, I saw five together at close range.

I went to Aiken, in the southwestern part of the State, on January 5. There I found the Pine Finch common but decidedly less so than it had been at Camden. From this time its numbers gradually diminished, and, when I left for the North, late in February, it had become uncommon. The Crossbill was also less in evidence at Aiken than at Camden. I first saw it at the more southern town on January 8, when I met with two. The largest number seen together was five, at 7.45 A. M., January 16. On January 23 two tarried for a short time in a pine distant but a few feet from my window; and this was the last of the Crossbill at Aiken for the season, so far as I could discover.—NATHAN CLIFFORD BROWN, *Portland, Maine.*

The Grasshopper Sparrow at Ottawa, Ontario.—On June 30, while prowling around in one corner of the Experimental Farm here, I heard a here unknown but to me familiar song. Its author allowed me to approach closely and to inspect him carefully with the glass. It was, as I knew immediately upon first hearing his song, a Grasshopper Sparrow (*Ammodramus savannarum australis*), an old acquaintance of mine in the south. There were two birds there, both singing from the wire fence around a large timothy field. Next day I went there again to secure it, but could find it no more. But there is no mistake possible; I know the bird too well, having taken and prepared many when living in Maryland. This is quite an extension of the range of this species, comparatively unknown in Canada. As stated on authority of W. E. Saunders in Macoun's 'Catalogue,' it is fairly common only in the two southwestern counties of Ontario, is rare at London, and has only twice been taken at Toronto (J. H. Fleming).—G. EIFRIG, *Ottawa, Ont.*

The Prairie Warbler (*Dendroica discolor*) in Northern Ontario.—On